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COUNTRY East Germany [REDACTED] REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC Werder Airfield and Restricted Area 25X1

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DATE OF CONTENT 12 July to 2 August 1953

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1. Between 12 and 25 July 1953, the following trucks of individual commissaries picked up merchandise at the central commissary and referred to as "Basa", in Werder:

Commissaries

Volevach (2)  
 Gitsun (3)  
 Evmenkin (5)  
 Toporkov (8)  
 Mashkin (9)  
 Shurunov (17)

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The officer of the Commissary Volevach used sedan [REDACTED] 25X1C  
 In mid-July, source determined that only a rear detail of the Commissary Shurunov (17) in Finsterwalde was stationed in the military post.

2. During the last period, the officers of the commissaries did not buy any political books at the "Basa" in Werder. Therefore, a strict order was issued by Major Lavrentyev (fnu), chief of the "Basa", to the effect that officers would purchase such books. Officer Gorshkov (fnu) said: "We still have piles of this rubbish which neither I nor my comrades read." Later, he invited those who had heard his remark to five bottles of champagne and asked them not to speak about what he had said.

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3. Between 12 and 25 July, jeep [REDACTED] and the following trucks were observed in the Werder restricted area:

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4. From 21 to 23 July, 2 single-engine aircraft were observed at Werder airfield about 150 meters west of the flight control station. The aircraft made several take-offs and landings after 7 p.m. on 22 July. At 8 p.m. on the same day, a Li-2 landed at the field and took off again 15 minutes later. Between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. on 25 July, two single-engine aircraft, each made flights of 30 to 40 minutes duration.

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Every day between 29 July and 1 August, between 4 a.m. and 5 a.m. and at about 6 p.m., one Li-2 landed at the field and took off again after about 30 minutes.

5. Between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. on 19 July, approximately 10 officers and 80 PM practiced firing from the prone position at target silhouettes. At about 10 a.m. on 26 July, 18 male and 8 female Soviet officers arrived at the restricted area and were quartered there. Sedan [ ] with a general, was parked in front of building No 100 Kesselgrund Strasse on 1 August. At 5 a.m. on 2 August, 4 trucks occupied by 15 Soviet officers each left the restricted area and proceeded toward Potsdam

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- 25X1A 1. [ ] Comment. The individual commissaries mentioned supply the following units:

Televach - Fighter division in Zerbst;  
 Gitan - Ground attack division in Brandenburg;  
 Evmenkin - Fighter division in Laerz;  
 Shurunov - Bomber corps in Finsterwalde;  
 Masbkin - Probably the units in the Staaken-Schoenwalde-Doeberitz area which are directly subordinate to the Twenty-Fourth Air Army.  
 Commissary Toperkov probably belongs to the Northern Ftr Corps.

- 25X1A 2. [ ] Comment. The IL-28 units, i.e. 6 bomber regiments and 1 reconnaissance regiment of the Twenty-Fourth Air Army left East Germany for an undetermined destination toward the east during late June and early July 1953. The reported observation, according to which only a rear detail of Commissary Shurunov is still present, confirms the transfer. So far, it has not been determined whether the bomber corps headquarters was also transferred.

- 25X1A 3. [ ] Comment. The headquarters of the Twenty-Fourth Air Army is quartered at Werder airfield. The aircraft observed at the field probably are courier aircraft of this headquarters.

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